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1. [] the Voice of American (VOA) was making five daily broadcasts to the mainland; the best reception time was about 8 p.m. [] the VOA often met with Chinese Communist radio interference, and reception was bad. After August, however, this radio interference became ineffective; and the Communists apparently gave it up.¹
2. When people on the mainland listened to the VOA, they had to use a wadded coverlet to cover the radio and their heads. The best time for listening to VOA was about 8 p.m. because during the daytime it was difficult not to let others find out what they were doing, and later at night others could hear the sounds of the radio too easily.
3. If a merchant in Canton was apprehended listening to the VOA, the Communist authorities simply warned him not to do it again. Suspect persons who were apprehended were more severely punished. The Communists would first interrogate such persons to try and find out why they were listening to the VOA. Later the suspects were required to express their opinions of the things that they had heard over the VOA. If the authorities were not satisfied with their explanations, the suspect persons were taken away to do "reform labor."
4. [] people in Canton seldom listened to the Taiwan broadcasts; and most did not know of the existence of the Voice of Free China.²

Comments

1. []
2. [] people in Peiping knew nothing of the Voice of Free China radio broadcasts; [] some Moslems in Peiping were listening at about 5 a.m. Peiping time to a Moslem religious broadcast from Cairo and that the Communists had never attempted to jam this station.

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